

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 7108, Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act, as amended.

Senate passed H.R. 6968, Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act, as amended.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2057–S2105

Measures Introduced: Fifty-three bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4023–4075, and S. Res. 584–593. **Pages S2091–93**

Measures Passed:

Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 131), Senate passed H.R. 7108, to suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2060**

Schumer Amendment No. 5020, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2060**

Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act: By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 132), Senate passed H.R. 6968, to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2060**

Schumer (for Crapo/Wyden) Amendment No. 5021, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2060**

Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act: Senate passed S. 2687, to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2078–79**

Murphy (for Tester) Amendment No. 5024, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2079**

Veterans' Emergency Care Claims Parity Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from

further consideration of S. 1875, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a deadline of 180 days for the filing of claims for payment for emergency treatment furnished to veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2079–80**

Murphy (for Rounds/Tester) Amendment No. 5026, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2079**

Government of the People's Republic of China: Senate agreed to S. Res. 503, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately guarantee the safety and freedom of tennis star Peng Shuai, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2080–81**

Bankruptcy Threshold Adjustment and Technical Corrections Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3823, to amend title 11, United States Code, to modify the eligibility requirements for a debtor under chapter 13, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2081–82**

Murphy (for Grassley) Amendment No. 5025, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2081**

Offices of Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the FAA Veterans Restriction: Senate passed S. 3785, to amend title 49, United States Code, to eliminate the restriction on veterans concurrently serving in the Offices of Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. **Page S2082**

Samya Rose Stumo National Air Grant Fellowship Program: Senate passed S. 4070, to designate the National Air Grant Fellowship Program as the “Samya Rose Stumo National Air Grant Fellowship Program”. **Page S2082**

National Assistive Technology Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 592, Designating April 6, 2022, as “National Assistive Technology Awareness Day”. **Page S2083**

Death of former Senator Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 593, relating to the death of Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., former United States Senator for the State of Arkansas. **Page S2083**

Navy Aircraft Carriers Centennial: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 533, celebrating the centennial of Navy aircraft carriers, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2083**

Murphy (for Kaine) Amendment No. 5027, to amend the preamble. **Page S2083**

House Messages:

National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act: Senate concurred in the Amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 658, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to work with cybersecurity consortia for training. **Page S2083**

Appointments:

Afghanistan War Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Seth Jones of Virginia. **Page S2078**

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S2078**

Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, April 11, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, April, 14, 2022, at 11 a.m.; Monday, April 18, 2022, at 4 p.m.; Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 12 noon, and that when the Senate ad-

journs on Thursday, April 21, 2022, it next convene on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 3 p.m. **Page S2103**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Albania (Treaty Doc. No. 117–2).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S2078**

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Tax Convention with Chile (Treaty Doc. 112–8) (Ex. Rept. 117–1). **Page S2090**

Brainard Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S2073**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 7, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 25, 2022. **Page S2073**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2073**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2073**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 25, 2022, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, April 7, 2022, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 25, 2022. **Page S2103**

Cook Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S2073**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Page S2073**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2073**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2073**

Bedoya Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner.

Pages S2073–76

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Pages S2073–76

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

Page S2073

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

Page S2073

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 134), Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Pages S2060–73

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 133), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

Pages S2060–73

Oren E. Whyche-Shaw, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Steven H. Fagin, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Erik Kristopher Raven, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

William A. LaPlante, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

Page S2105

Jed David Kolko, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

Page S2105

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Vincent Garfield Logan, of New York, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2026.

Jaime E. Lizarraga, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2027.

Mark Toshiro Uyeda, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2023.

Robin Meredith Cohn Hutcheson, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Sharon Beth Lewis, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2022.

Sharon Beth Lewis, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2028.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

Page S2105

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Carla Ravi Koppell, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on September 21, 2021.

David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on January 4, 2022.

Page S2105

Messages from the House:

Page S2089

Measures Referred:

Pages S2089–90

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

Page S2090

Executive Communications:

Page S2090

Notice of a Tie Vote Under S. Res. 27:

Page S2086

Additional Cosponsors: Pages S2093–94

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:
Pages S2094–S2101

Additional Statements: Pages S2087–88

Amendments Submitted: Pages S2101–03

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S2103

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.
(Total—134) Pages S2060–61, S2069

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., former Senator of Arkansas, in accordance with S. Res. 593, at 5:10 p.m., until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2105.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD BUDGET POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Michael McCord, Under Secretary (Comptroller), and General Mark A. Milley, USA, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

CRITICAL MINERALS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the scope and scale of critical mineral demand and recycling of critical minerals, after receiving testimony from Dave Howell, Acting Director and Principal Deputy Director, Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, Director, Vehicle Technologies Office, Department of Energy; Joseph Britton, Zero Emission Transportation Association, and Duncan Wood, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.; Scott Forney, General Atomics

Electromagnetic Systems, San Diego, California; and JB Straubel, Redwood Materials, Carson City, Nevada.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3742, to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility;

S. 3743, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States; and

11 GSA resolutions.

IRS BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Internal Revenue Service, the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023, and the 2022 filing season, after receiving testimony from Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, who was introduced by Senator Markey, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, MaryKay Loss Carlson, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, and Marc B. Nathanson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, who was introduced by Senator Padilla, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 7434–7488; and 9 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 85; and H. Res. 1043–1050, were introduced. Pages H4431–33

Additional Cosponsors: Page H4435

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.